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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: L. Cook

Serial No.: 09/273,164

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
EARLY PREGNANCY DIAGNOSIS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 15, 2000, to which a response is due on June 15, 2001, by virtue of the attached Petition for Extension of Time and payment of government fees. Should applicants' check be missing or deficient, or should any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 55-1212/10012519/UVMO:003/SLH. Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard as evidence of receipt. Please amend the application as follows.